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## **(U) PHISHING CAMPAIGNS LIKELY TO OCCUR IN THE NEAR-TERM USING "9/11" IN THE SUBJECT LINE, ATTACHMENTS AND CONTENT**

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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(U) Malicious users seeking to exploit interest related to the 10 year anniversary of the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks will likely use subject lines related to the incident in phishing<sup>1</sup> e-mails on or around 11 September 2011. Network administrators and general users should be aware of these attempts and avoid opening messages with attachments and/or subject lines related to 9/11.

### BACKGROUND

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(U) This NCCIC Bulletin is being provided for your situational awareness because of the malicious cyber activity that is commonly associated and that precedes high profile events or the anniversaries of significant events. Both government agencies and private organizations could possibly become recipients of malicious activity, most commonly in the form of socially engineered spear-phishing emails. These emails will appear to originate from a reputable source, with the email subject closely aligned to the event and usually of interest to the recipient. The email in most cases will contain a malicious attachment with a subject name relevant to the event alluring the recipient to open. The attachment when opened will launch malware into the users system in most cases in the form of a key logger or remote access Trojans.

### DHS/NCCIC ACTIONS

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(U) The NCCIC will continue to monitor reporting from multiple public and private sources, and generate additional products if new information becomes available.

(U) DHS/US-CERT is collecting phishing email messages and web site locations so that we can help people avoid becoming victims of phishing scams. You can report phishing to US-CERT by sending email to [phishing-report@us-cert.gov](mailto:phishing-report@us-cert.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> Phishing is an attempt by an individual or group to solicit personal information from unsuspecting users by employing social engineering techniques.

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